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SUBJECT

Itineraut and Semi-Itineraut dispensaries in the malnad

4 To, The Senior Surgeon
No. & 6784/d 3.4.23.

Informs him that Govt. are in general agreement with his Scheme and requests him to take practical steps in Consultation with the presidents of District Boards

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Itinerant Clinic itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Extract from the proceedings of the Malnad Improvement Central committee meeting held on 14th March 1921. :—"7. Proposals for the working of Itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad. The President stated that during his tour he found that the sub Asst Surgeons in

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& in charge of these dispensaries generally visited a village once or twice a month that no useful purpose was served by such visits.

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"Mr. Matthias pointed out that there was a Govt order to the effect that the villagers should be notified beforehand of the visit of the itinerant doctor & added that this order might with advantage be suitably modified so as to make the system of itinerant dispensaries work successfully & be of real benefit to the villagers."

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"After some further discussion, it was resolved that steps should be taken to revise the Govt orders of the 9th July 1915 so as to make the Civil Asst Surgeons visit regularly important central villages to be selected beforehand more than once a week, the villagers of the neighbouring villages being notified previously of such visits."

2) The action suggested in the 3rd Member in the Madras districts in January 1921 is that "the Senior Surgeon visit be requested to carefully examine the working of these dispensaries & forward suitable proposals

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	proposals for the consideration of the central committee.
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1	To 4) Issued 27.7 The Senior Surgeon No L648 dt 30-7-21 Request to forward proposals for enhancing the usefulness of the dispensaries in the Malnad.
2	Letter No D&TB 158 dated the 16th September 1922 from the Senior Surgeon submitting the opinions of the Dt medical officers and Presidents of the Dt Boards of Hassan and Shimoga for improving the usefulness of the itinerant and semi itinerant dispensaries in these districts and that he would submit his own proposals in the matter in January 1923 after [illegible]

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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A SCHEME FOR ENHANCING THE USEFULNESS OF ITINERANT DISPENSARIES IN THE MALNAD.

Itinerant and semi-itinerant dispensaries were sanctioned to be opened in the Malnad under the Malnad Improvement Scheme in Government Order No. 184-9/Med.38-13-10 dated the 9th July 1915. In January 1921 the Third Member (now the Second Member) while inspecting the itinerant dispensary at Ananthapur in Shimoga District stated that, under the present system, as the Sub Assistant Surgeon has 77 villages under him, he cannot visit a village more than once or twice a month and that such visits will not be of much use; and suggested that the Senior Surgeon may examine the working of these dispensaries and forward a scheme for improving their usefulness. The Senior Surgeon who was written to, called for the opinion of the District Medical Officers and Presidents of the Shimoga and Hassan District Boards. In his letter dated the 16th September 1922 the Senior Surgeon states that the authorities in the Shimoga District recommend the posting of an extra Sub Assistant --

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

(7)

A Scheme for enhancing the usefulness of the itinerant and semi-itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad.

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(1) In July 1915 a scheme for the opening of the itinerant and semi-itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad was sanctioned in Government Order No.184-9/Med.38-13-10 dated the 9th July 1915. As a preliminary measure they decided to convert -- three of the existing dispensaries in -- the Malnad parts of the Shimoga District into semi-itinerant ones and sanctioned two itinerant dispensaries for the --- Malnad parts of the Hassan District. In the case of these dispensaries, the Medical Officer in charge was required to tour in the adjoining villages within a defined area for a fixed period every month. In addition to treatment of -- diseases these officers were also require to devote special attention to spreading a knowledge among the people of simple facts regarding the more common diseases and elementary principles of sanitation.

Accordingly the local fund dispensaries at Hunchadakatte, Megaravalli and - Ananthapur were converted into semi-itinerant ones at an initial cost Rs.700/- and an annual recurring cost of Rs.2148/- each in Government Order No.4742-5/Med. 15-15-17 dated 31st December 1915.

In 1918 the Local Fund Dispensaries at Mandagadde and Sorab were also converted into semi-itinerant institutions. Weekly visits were arranged to be paid --

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Mandagadde opened on 1st August 1918.

Year.	Patients	in	out.	Total.	Cost. Rs. As. Ps.
1918	..	"	2339	2339	593 - 0 - 0
1919	..	"	5220	5220	1421 - 0 - 0
1920	..	"	1161	1161	1313 - 0 - 0
1921	..	"	1862	1862	1374 - 0 - 0
	~~Total~~ :-				

Sorab opened on 6th August 1920:

1920	..	"	322	322	417 - 0 - 0
1921	..	4	6606	6610	1528 - 0 - 0

Weekly Visits to Haranahalli:

1916	..	513	513	120 - 0 - 0
1917	..	1629	1629	120 - 0 - 0
1918	..	1782	1782	120 - 0 - 0
1919	..	954	954	120 - 0 - 0
1920	..	1774	1774	120 -0 - 0
1921	..	1332	1332	120 - 0 - 0

Lakshmipur:

1920	..	331	331	60 - 0 - 0
1921	..	185	185	60 - 0 - 0

Krishnarajapur:

1920	..	66	66	60 - 0 - 0
1921	..	54	54	60 - 0 - 0

Female Dispensary at Kallur Katte opened on 18-3-1921.

1921	..	3139	3139	1480-0-0

This dispensary has since been closed for want of a lady doctor.

14) In the Shimoga District 108311 patients were treated in the Malnad Improvement Dispensaries from the commencement of the scheme and the total expenditure incurred on that account was Rs.33,717.

5) This excludes cost of Europe Medicines which were supplied from the Government Medical Stores.

K a d u r District.

16) Six stationary dispensaries as noted below were started in the Kadur District in the year 1917.

(1) Aldur. (4) Lakkavalli.

(2) Attigundi. (5) Balur

(3) Santhaveri. (6) Balehonnur.

Aldur Dispensary. Opened on 2nd June 1917.

Year.	Patients. In.	Out.	Total.	Cost. Rs. A. P.
1917.	2	6501	6503	724-0-0
1918	4	10553	10557	1581-0-0
1919	-	6793	6793	1760-0-0
1920.	-	6284	6284	1837-0-0
1921	-	9963	9963	1980-0-0

Attigundi. Opened on 21st June 1917.

1917	-	5651	5651	715-0-0
1918	3	2070	2073	915-0-0
1919	-	923	923	1078-0-0
1920	-	1287	1287	1410-0-0
1921	-	797	797	1277-0-0

Santhaveri. Opened on 6th June 1917.

1917	-	1795	1795	660-0-0
1918	-	2653	2653	702-0-0
1919	-	2390	2390	1076-0-0
1920	-	4630	4630	1394-0-0
1921	-	7588	7588	1419-0-0

Lakkavalli. Opened on 13th November 1917.

1917	-	878	878	60-0-0
1918	-	4721	4721	954-0-0
1919	1	3792	3793	1073-0-0
1920	5	1355	1360	1585-0-0
1921	2	4529	4531	2289-0-0

Balur Dispensary. Opened on 1st August 1917.

1917	3	2036	2039	546-0-0
1918	-	5797	5797	1166-0-0
1919	-	4654	4654	1367-0-0
1920	-	5483	5483	1575-0-0
1921.	-	5812	5812	1935-0-0

Balehonnur Dispensary. Opened on 7th July 1917.

1917	-	4137	4137	630-0-0
1918	-	5554	5554	1052-0-0
1919		5158	5158	1531-0-0
1920	16	7085	7101	1796-0-0
1921	5	7590	7595	1801-0-0

Patients treated in the District from commencement 1,41,100

Expenditure. Rs.37588-0-0

This is exclusive of the cost of Europe Medicines supplied from the Medical Stores.

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17) Hassan District:- Itinerant dispensaries were opened at Bellur, Nagenhalli and Magge and the date of opening of each, the number of patients treated therein, and the cost incurred on account of them are as given below:-

Bellur Dispensary opened on 12-6-1916.

Year.	Patients in	Patients out	Total	cost Rs.	As.	Ps.
1916 ..	9	6850	6859	1356	0	0
1917 ..	"	13423	13423	2760	0	0
1918 ..	"	15571	15571	2952	0	0
1919 ..	"	11308	11308	2960	0	0
1920 ..	"	The Dispensary was closed.				

Nagenahalli opened on 12th November 1917:

1917 ..	2	1035	1037	340	0	0
1918 ..	13	9728	9741	2855	0	0
1919 ..	1	7819	7820	2989	0	0
1920 ..	5	9633	9638	2816	0	0
1921 ..	2	10710	10712	2856	0	0

Magge Opened on 1st Jany. 1921.

1921 ..	3	10272	10275	3147	0	0

Hassan District: Total No.treated . 96384

Total Expenditure .. Rs.25031-0-0

(Exclusive of the cost of Europe Medicines supplied from the Government Medical Stores)

18) The Senior Surgeon's proposals referred to in the office note dated the 5th January 1923 for enhancing the usefulness of these institutions are awaited.

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From the Senior Surgeon in Mysore
No. G. C. 252 dt. 19th/20th Feb 1923.

Encloses a note on the subject of enhancing the usefulness of the Itinerant & Semi-itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad

2) Subd. The defects pointed out are that- (1) the villages are visited once a month or at times even once in two months. (2) As this sort of treatment lacks continuity, it is hardly beneficial and (3) the institutions fail to serve as "central clinics" (4). Again the frequent absence of the Sub Asst Surgeon acts as a source of disappointment to the patients resorting for treatment.

3) The remedy suggested is that instead of the Sub Asst Surgeon visiting villages & treating patients, there he may simply for 2 each day to one of the 4 or 5 central villages where by previous arrangement people will have come for treatment. The people will know by this arrangement, where to find the Sub Asst Surgeon & will avail themselves of the assistance afforded.

4) The Senior Surgeon states that this system is more economical as it reduces effects savings the amount now spent on travelling allowance by the reduction

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and saves the necessity of carrying the tent from place to place. The only expenditure is for the supply to each centre of bottles for standard mixtures, scales & weights pestle & mortar, etc, which cannot be carried from the central dispensary without damage. Each set of these necessities is estimated at Rs 50.

2) In para 2 of his letter, the Senior Surgeon states that if the proposals should commend themselves to Govt, he would call for the opinions of the Deputy Commissioners of Shimoga & Hassan Districts in the matter of converting the itinerant & semi-itinerant dispensaries in their districts into travelling centres.

Submitted for orders.

HSG
27/2/23

Before approving of the proposals the Senior Surgeon may be requested to obtain & forward with his own remarks the opinions of the Dy Comrs & D.S. Bs of Hassan & Shimoga.

Second Member - The Senior Surgeon may be requested to obtain the opinions of the Deputy Commissioners & District Boards of Hassan & Shimoga on the proposals of the Senior Surgeon & forward them with his own remarks.

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4	No. 6784 dt 3.4.23, to the Senr. Surgeon Informs him that Govt: are in general agreement with his scheme + requests him to take practical steps in consultation with the Presidents of Dist: Boards.

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Signed by 30th July 1924

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To

The Senior Surgeon in Mysore

Sir,

With refe to item no 6 Contain
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of subjects included in the Four Inspect
Notes of the 3rd number of council
issued in OM no f. 22500-60/Pen.
95-20-9 & 27-5-1924 & to the
resolution contained on pp 40 of the
proceedings of the meeting of the Central com-
mittee, re the working of the itinerant
dispensaries in the Malnad, I am
directed

over.

Copy enclosed

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MYSORE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

In reply quote No. Sia B 158.

Encl. 2

Telegraphic Address "SENORGEN"

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SURGEON,
MYSORE GOVERNMENT,
Dated Bangalore, the...14th...September 1922.

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FROM

The Senior Surgeon with the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

16 SEP 1922

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.L.648-Med.16-21-1, dated 30th July 1921 and subsequent reminders ending with your D.O. letter No.L.2476, dated 13th instant, I have the honor to state that the Medical Officers in charge of the Hassan and Shimoga Districts which have Itinerant and Semi-itinerant dispensaries were requested to submit their views in regard to increasing the usefulness of those institutions. Copies of the reports of these officers were also forwarded to the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts for favouring me with their own views and the opinions of the respective District Boards. Copies of the reports of the District Medical Officers and of the letters from the Deputy Commissioners with the resolutions of the District Boards are enclosed. It will be seen that the resolution of each District Board amounts to a reiteration of the recommendations made by the District Medical Officer. The authorities in Shimoga recommend the posting of an extra Sub Assistant Surgeon to each of the five itinerant institutions in that district. The Hassan authorities propose a reduction of the area allotted to each dispensary and the investment of the medical subordinates concerned with certain other responsibilities, such as the

1. Copy of letter No.2391 dated 14-2-22, from the Dist.Medl.Officer, Hassan, to the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, Bangalore.

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With reference to your No.G.C.30-2 dated 6/9-2-22 in the matter of enhancing the usefulness of the itinerant dispensaries in the Malnad, I have the honour to state, that there can be no doubt re: the immense benefit derived by the Malanad Public by these itnerant dispensaries which were a great desderate.

The existing two dispensaries are doing much useful work and some more in carefully selected areas are wanted.

To enhance their usefulness, I would suggest the following proposals for your kind consideration:-

1. The jurisdiction of the itenerant dispensaries should be lessened to allow of more concentrated attention.
2. That a Midwife should be attached to each of the dispensaries.
3. That the services of Lady Medl.Officers from the nearest dispensary should be made available when a requisition is made by the itenerant Medical-man.
4. That the dispensary area should be notified as a compulsory vaccination area and the malnad improvement Vaccinator made to work under the Medical Officer.
5. That the co-operation of the Local Revenue Officers, such as, Patels and Shanbhogues should be ensured during the visits of the medical Officers, so that, they may be counted upon to make the institutions and their objects more popular.
6. That a good stock of bottles to be kept to be given free to deserving patients and to emergent cases requiring same.
7. That besides an ample stock of medicines, a complete medical chest in pill-form to be provided to each Dispensary for emergent use.
8. That good quarters for the Medical Officers and staff and buildings for In-patients should invariably be provided.

In this connection, I may be permitted to suggest that besides attending to the professional part of their duties, the medical officer should also be entrusted with the work of checking the sanitation and water supply of the villages within their charge, under the village sanitation regulations and that they should hold Malnad surveys and concentrate their attention to such of the areas under them as are most unhealthy.

3. Letter No.Roc.534-21/L.F. from the President, District Board, Hassan to the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.G.C.30 of 1st May 1922, I have the honor to state that the subject of enhancing the usefulness of the Itinerant Dispensaries in the Malnad, was placed at the District Board meeting held during this month. A copy of the resolution of the Board making certain suggestions, which are recorded in detail, is herewith forwarded for information.

Proceedings of the Hassan District Board Meeting, held on 12th and 13th May 1922.

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Enhancing the usefulness of the Itinerant Sispensaries in Malnad.

Resolution. 1. The District Medical Officer will report what he lessening of jurisdiction he proposes with regard to each of the Itinerant Dispensaries in this District.

2. Each of the Itinerant Dispensaries has now a Midwife.

3. (a) The Itinerant Dispensary area may be notified as Compulsory Vaccination area so long as the Itinerant Dispensary continues and a separate recommendation may be made to Government in the matter.

(b) The Malnad Improvement Vaccinator may be made to work under the Medical Officer of the Itinerant Dispensary. The Deputy Inspector of Vaccination will be asked to suggest for the next meeting a redistribution of Vaccinators to give effect to this resolution. The returns of Vaccination in the Dispensary area may be sent by the Vaccinator through the Sub Assistant Surgeon to the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination.

4. The bottles and medicines and medical chest recommended may be purchased out of provision to be made in the Malnad Improvement Budget. Out of Rs.100/- Savings under the head Ayurvedic Dispensaries, two Medicine Chests may be purchased as now recommended by the District Medical Officer. Out of the Savings under Dieting etc., the District Medical Officer may purchase bottles required.

5. The Itinerant Medical Officers may be entrusted with the work of checking sanitation and water supply of the villages within their charge under the Village Sanitation Regulation and they may hold Malnad Surveys and concentrate their attention on such of the areas under them as are most unhealthy.

Sd.B. Venkoba Rao,
President.

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4. Letter No.D.2 Dis 91 L.B.21-22 dated 15th May 1922 from the Deputy Commissioner and President, District Board, Shimoga.
---------- to Senior Surgeon, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.G.C.306 dated 2nd March 1922 requesting to suggest measures for enhancing the usefulness of the

Copy of G.O.No.4742-5-Med.18-15-17 dated ~~Jan.~~ 19, 1916. (3/84 Dec 1915)

No.3296 Office of the Senior Surgeon, Mysore Govt
Bangalore, Jan.10, 1916.

Copy forwarded to the District Medical Officer, Shimoga, for information, with the intimation that the Sub Asst:Surgeons that are hereby posted to each of the semi-itinerant dispensaries will, under the authority of the marginally noted Govt.orders, be entitled in addition to their pay as 1st class Sub Asst:Surgeons, and the charge allowance at present attached to those dispensaries to receive a local allowance of Rs.40 and a fixed travelling allowance of Rs.30/- each per mensem.

G.O.No.184-94 Med.38-13-10 dated 9-7-15.
-do- 3436-40-Med.18-15-13 dated 11-11-15.

2. The existing dispensary establishment will remain at head quarters and the Sub Asst:Surgeon will entertain one servant and one Lascar on a pay of Rs.8.plus 4 (fixed travelling allowance) each to accompany him in his itineration. Each Sub Asst:Surgeon will also be supplied with a suitable tent for itinerating purposes.

3. In addition to being in charge of the L.F.Dispensary at head quarters, it will be the duty of these Sub Asst:Surgeons to visit outlying villages within a range, the extent of which will be hereafter intimated in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and President, Shimoga District Committee, and to render medical aid to the villages in need of it. It will also be an important part of their duties by means of lectures and demonstrations, to spread among the village people a knowledge of simple facts regarding the more common diseases, such as, Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera, Small-pox their prevention and care of persons suffering therefrom and elementary principles of house and village sanitation and of domestic and personal hygiene.

4. Each Sub Asst:Surgeon will, keep a regular diary of his itineration and submit the same to the District Medical Officer, who will forward it to this office with his own remarks, if any. Regular nominal registers of the patients treated during the itineration should be maintained and statistics submitted, but separately shown, along with the monthly and annuall returns relating to the head quarters dispensary.

5. Separate orders will be issued re: the posting of Sub Asst: Surgeons for the above charges. They will begin to draw their local and fixed travelling allowances from the day they start the itinerating dispensaries, which should be reported to this office.

6. The District Medical Officer is requested to issue suitable instructions on the above points to the Sub Asst:Surgeons, on their reporting themselves to him for duty. Any additional medicines, and appliances that may be required for these semi-itinerant dispensaries may be obtained by the Sub Asst:Surgeons from the Medical Stores, on extra indents.

Sd.-.T.V.Arumugum.

Senior Surgeon.

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"C O P Y"

S. Shivanath
for Senior Surgeon.

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Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,
Bangalore, dated, 19th Feb. 1923.
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From
The Senior Surgeon in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To
The Secretary to the Government of
H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue
Department, Bangalore.

Sir

With reference to your letter No. L 648-Med. 16-21-1 dated 30th July 1921, calling for proposals for enhancing the usefulness of the Itinerant Dispensaries in the Malnad, I have the honor to enclose a note embodying my views on the subject.

Should the proposals commend themselves to Government, the opinions of the Deputy Commissioners of Shimoga and Hassan will be obtained as to which of the existing Stationary and Semi-itinerant or Itinerant Dispensaries in the Districts could, with advantage, be converted into travelling centres on the proposed plan.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Senior Surgeon.

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N O T E.

Subject:- Enhancing the usefulness of the Itinerant and Semi-Itinerant Dispensaries in the Malnad.

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ORIGIN.

There are five semi itinerant dispensaries in the marginally named places in the Shimoga District, sanctioned by Government in the several orders noted against them and two itinerant dispensaries - one at Nagenhalli and another at Megge in the Hassan District Sanctioned in Government Order No. 4443-5 Medical 18-16- 4 dated 17th Jan.1917 and Government Order No.G.26983-5/Med 29-19 dated 3rd June 1920 respectively. In the Shimoga District, there already existed in each of the five places a stationary dispensary and the duty of itinerating in the surrounding area for a certain portion of the week (with stationary work in the dispensary in the remaining part of the week) having been added on, these institutions were designated semi-itinerant dispensaries. While in Hassan, a central place in the area to be served was selected for stocking the supply of medicines and the medical subordinate was expected to be always on the move. Hence the name Itinerant Dispensaries was given to these institutions.

1.Ananthapur 2.Humchadakatte 3.Megarvalli.	Government Order No.4742-5/ Med. 18 - 15- 17 dated,31st Decr. 1917.
4.Mandagadde	...Government Order No.5484-6/ Med. 18 - 17- 6 - dated 2nd April 1918.
5.Sorab,	...G.O.No.25442-4/Med 29-19-10 dated 6th May 1920.

SCOPE OF WORK.

In the main working, however, both kinds of institutions have proved nearly alike. The Sub Assistant Surgeons in charge of Itinerant Dispensaries have

have had to stop in the central place for certain days, making it their head quarter dispensary and those in charge of the Semi-itinerant institutions have had to be frequently absent from their head - quarter on days on which they were expected to be present there. In fact any rigid adherence to the programme of itinerary does not seem to have been possible in the nature of things. Each institution was intended to serve the medical needs of villages falling within a radius of about 8 miles around. According to the instructions issued by this office the doctor in charge, besides rendering medical aid in these villages, is also required to give lectures and hold discourse with the people, to spread among them "a knowledge of simple facts regarding the most common diseases such as Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera and Smallpox, their prevention, the care of persons suffering therefrom and elimentary principles of house and village sanitation and of domestic and personal hygiene."

WORK DONE.

From the periodical returns received through the respective District Medical Officers it may be said that the Medical Subordinates in charge have been following the instructions of this office as far as possible. The total number of patients - treated by these itinerant dispensaries during the past five years of their existence is 1,92,936 and the institutions have so far done fairly good work. Medical treatment under western methods has been carried to the very doors of the sick in most of the villages which would otherwise have never known it and it has now become quite popular in the Malnad. A rudimentary knowledge of the diseases common to the tropics and to the Malnad has also been spread

spread among the people who have begun to appreciate and adopt rational methods of combatting such diseases instead of allowing themselves to be scared away by panic.

4. DEFECTS OBSERVED.

The system, however, has not been without its drawbacks and during my recent tour in the Malnad, I have made enquiries of responsible local officers and non-official gentlemen and as a result of these and of personal inspections, have found the following defects:

When the proposal originated, the area to be assigned to each institution was to fall within a radius of five miles from the centre. But when the scheme was sanctioned and given effect to the radius was increased to eight miles and thereby the area was increased 2½ times. (1) Each area comprises from 50 to 75 villages and it is impossible for the Sub Assistant Surgeon to complete even one round of all the villages in one month. In many instances a village may not be visited for two months. (2) The treatment given during these monthly or bi-monthly visits, lacking in continuity, can hardly be expected to produce ~~very~~ beneficial results. What has been possible to do is practically "distribution of medicines" for Malaria and worms and itch. (3) The Dispensaries have failed to serve as central clinics for the cases "registered" in the course of intineration. (4) The frequent absence of the Sub Assistant Surgeon from the dispensary has been a source of disappointment to patients resorting thereto for treatment.

5. MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED.

To remedy these defects and to achieve results commensurate with the expenditure incurred, the following modifications are suggested:-

i. The Sub Assistant Surgeon should never be absent from the Central dispensary during the morning working hours-say till 12 noon:

ii. Five most important and populous, among the surrounding villages and situated not more than five or six miles away from the central dispensary should be selected for the opening of - weekly branch dispensaries:

iii. Each of these will be a sub-centre where persons requiring treatment and residing within a radius of three miles might assemble on a specified day of the week when the Sub Assistant Surgeon will be available in the afternoon for two or three hours.

iv. The remaining two days of the week will be spent by the Sub Assistant Surgeon in his head quarter attending to local medical needs and to correspondence and statistics of work done in the central and branch dispensaries.

v. The branch dispensary may be located either in the village Chavadi or the Police Outpost or any such public place. The use of the place as a dispensary for a couple of hours on one day in the week is not likely to inconvenience the public business usually transacted in that place.

6. IMPROVED RESULTS EXPECTED.

Under the plan above suggested there will always be a guarantee that the Sub Assistant Surgeon would be available in a particular place at a particular time and more people are sure to attend and get treatment at the central as well as the branch dispensaries. Continuity of treatment will become possible and better results in the shape of relief of the sick will be secured and each of the dispensaries will serve the pur-

purpose of a clinical centre. The number of such centres may also be increased to at least twice the present number without any extra cost as explained below:-

WAYS AND MEANS.

At present the medical subordinate in charge of each Itinerant dispensary gets(in addition to or excluding the usual malnad charge allowance of Rs.20 a local allowance and a fixed travelling allowance together amounting to Rs.70. There is a permanent contingent allowance of Rs.25 for carriage of tent and there are two servants on Rs.12 per month each. It will be sufficient to give to each medical subordinate a fixed travelling allowance of Rs.30 per month for the itineration work expected of him in the manner stated above, whereby he will not have to travel to a place more than five or six miles - distant from his station. He may be given the use of one servant on Rs.12 to carry his kit and otherwise help him in his itineracy.

Thus with the extra cost incurred on one Semi-itinerant dispensary, two such institutions may be started. There will be no necessity for - using tents and the expenditure of Rs.25 per month on the carriage of the tent could be altogether - saved. It would however be necessary to keep in each of the five sub-centres half a dozen or so of large size bottles for standard mixtures, scales with weights, a mortar and pestle a slab and a - bolus knife, a six ounce measuring glass and a minim measure, as these articles could not be spared from the central dispensary without inconvenience to work there, and their carriage to and fro daily is likely to result in damage. All these articles

articles could be safely kept at each sub-centre locked up in a teakwood box and the whole outfit could be got up at a cost of about Rs.50 or Rs.60 or at an initial cost of Rs.300 for all the five sub-centres.

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